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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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CIWQS NEWS

Keeping you in touch with the California Integrated Water Quality System project

Customer Service: 1-866-79-CIWQS •

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. •

Best times to call: 8-9 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.

California Integrated Water Quality System Goals

The California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) is a new computer system for the State and Regional Water Boards to track compliance information about places of environmental interest, manage permits and other orders, track compliance inspections, and manage violations and enforcement activities.



public, and US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

After appropriate testing and evaluation of the system is concluded, the internet-based eSMR module will be deployed in a phased approach, and will be available to dischargers in certain Water Boards starting in July of 2005.

CIWQS also includes an electronic Self Monitoring Report (eSMR) module for submission of monitoring reports via the Internet. CIWQS is part of an overall effort to integrate several disparate legacy systems, compile water quality data, standardize permits, automate processes, and to make data more accessible to Water Board staff, dischargers, the

CIWQS will automatically send water quality information to the RWQCB, SWRCB, and USEPA

CIWQS will automatically transfer Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) information to USEPA. Initially, CIWQS will focus on supporting the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and its requirements to submit monitoring reports. •

Immediate Changes for Some Permit Holders Only

The transition receipt and review of DMRs to the SWRCB is currently underway. In summary, all NPDES data entry functions that USEPA-Region 9 has managed in the past are now the responsibility of the Discharge Monitoring Report Processing Center of SWRCB. Letters from both the SWRCB and the USEPA-Region 9 office have been sent to waste water dischargers informing them of the changes in their reporting requirements.

The most frequently asked questions related to the letters are:

Do I report to you now? - Please visit the website (www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/transition.html). Listed on the web page is a weekly updated list of major permit holders that were submitting DMRs to the USEPA-Region 9 office that now must submit the reports to the SWRCB. This requirement only applies to major dischargers and does not affect minor permit holders at this time. This also does not affect any reporting requirements that majors have to their Re-

gional Boards. If you think your facility should be sending their DMRs to the SWRCB, and the facility is not listed on the website, please telephone the CIWQS Help Center at 1-866-79-CIWQS (24977).

What if we use Federal Express/UPS/DHL? -

The post office will not accept the package. Please use Standard Mail or Media Mail. If your company/agency requires receipt tracking please use Certified Mail as an alternative.

Please submit additional questions at www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/contactus.html •

Coming in future issues:

- ♦ Anticipated schedule for phased eSMR deployment
- ♦ Registration Procedures and Authorized Users
- ♦ Using the Report Builder functions to prepare your SMR
- ♦ Alternate methods for monitoring data submission